Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Mary Ruth Armstrong, and we are richer because Mary Ruth lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mary Ruth was born on October 23, 1930, the second child of John and Jesse Steele, and was raised in Meckling, South Dakota, where she graduated from Meckling High School in 1948; and,

Whereas, Mary Ruth married John Armstrong on June 10, 1948, and to this union they were blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mary Ruth is an ordained minister, active in her community and church, serves on the Board of Cornerstone Church, and is a Republican State Committee Woman, and she is known for her big heart and her love for everyone she meets, her effective healing and intercessory prayers, her quick wit and tenacity, and mostly her love of family and friends; and,

Whereas, Mary Ruth will observe her 85th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather September 17, 2015, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2015, as

MARY RUTH ARMSTRONG DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her family and friends in wishing her a happy 85th birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State